



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/834,596 Confirmation No. 4260
Applicant: : Watanabe et al.
Filed : April 13, 2001
Title: : 2'- OR 3'-HYDROMETHYL SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES FOR
TREATMENT OF HEPATITIS VIRUS INFECTIONS

TC/A.U. : 1623
Examiner : Howard V. Owens, Jr.

Docket No. : 08841.105037 (PHAR 2020 US)
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 29, 2003

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on July 29, 2003 in the above-identified application be extended for four months, to and including, December 29, 2003. Applicants enclose a check for the petition fee of \$1,480.00. Applicants believe the amount of the fee is correct; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Sincerely,

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